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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN LEBANON:

1. AT LUNCH IN JERUSALEM AUGUST 5 UNIFIL POLAD AIME MADE FOLLOWING
OBSERVATIONS.

2. AT METULLA MEETING AUGUST 4, HADDAD HAD ESCALATED HIS DEMANDS,
TO WIT:

(A) HE BE REINSTATED IN HIS COMMAND;
(B) BEIRUT RECOGNIZE HIM AS COMMANDER OF THE LEBANESE ARMY
IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF SOUTH LEBANON;
(C) HE BE PROMOTED TO FULL COLONEL.
(UN ASSUMES HADDAD MADE SAME DEMANDS IN HIS MEETING WITH SAAD
BUT CAN'T CONFIRM)

3. HADDAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE IS NOT PREPARED TO PERMIT THE
STATIONING OF LAF UNITS IN THE ENCLAVES OR TO PERMIT ANY TAMPERING
WITH THE GOOD FENCE. AT ONE POINT HE REMARKED THAT THE MIGHT HAVE
NO RECOURSE BUT TO DECLARE THE ENCLAVES INDEPENDENT.

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4. CUQ AND SAAD THEN WENT TO BEIRUT. CUQ HAS RETURNED TO NACQOURA
AND SAAD TO KAWKABA. CUQ REPORTED TO AIME (1700) SAAD HAD BEEN
GIVEN FOLLOWING COMPROMISE INSTRUCTIONS BY KHOURY WHO THOUGHT SUCH
A DEAL ".MIGHT BE WORKABLE" FROM GOL'S POINT OF VIEW:
(A) REDEPLOYMENT OF BATTALION'S MAIN BODY TO THE NORTHEAST
JUST OUTSIDE UNIFIL'S AREA OF OPERATIONS.

(B) ONE COMPANY (ABOUT 120 MEN) WOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO THROUGH TO TIBNIN.

(C) ROUTE TO BE TAKEN BY LAF COMPANY WOULD BE NEGOTIATED.

5. AIME BELIEVES MEETING BETWEEN HADDAD AND SAAD WILL BE ARRANGED MORNING AUGUST 6. SEPARATE UN SOURCE HAS REPORT THAT UN ARRANGING A SECOND HADDAD-SAAD MEETING LATE THIS AFTERNOON IN EL MERI.

6. AIME APPEALED TO US TO PREVAIL UPON GOI TO PREVAIL ON HADDAD NOT TO INSIST ON REINSTATEMENT. AFTER NOTING DIFFICULTIES, I INFORMED HIM OF GENERAL POSITION IN STATE 197468. I RUGED AIME HAVE UNIFIL REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO PLAY CATALYST ROLE.

7. AIME SAID AFTER INCLUSIVE MEETINGS IN THE AREA AUGUST 4, HE CUQ AND LEVERETTE CAUCUSED IN NAQOURA AND SENT RECOMMENDATION TO UNNY THAT PRESENT BATTALION MOVE SOMEWHAT TO THE EAST TO RASHAYYA AL FUKHKHAR AREA (STILL IN UNIFIL A.O.) AND THAT SECOND BATTALION BE SENT TO TIBNIN VIA NABATIYA AND AKIA BRIDGE. URQUHART HAD REPLIED THIS NOT PRACTICAL.

8. AS LONG AS UN IS IN THE ACT AND THERE IS EVIDENCE OF MOVEMENT, THIS WOULD SEEM TO SUPPORT GENERAL APPROACH OUTLINED PARA ONE STATE 1 97468.

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